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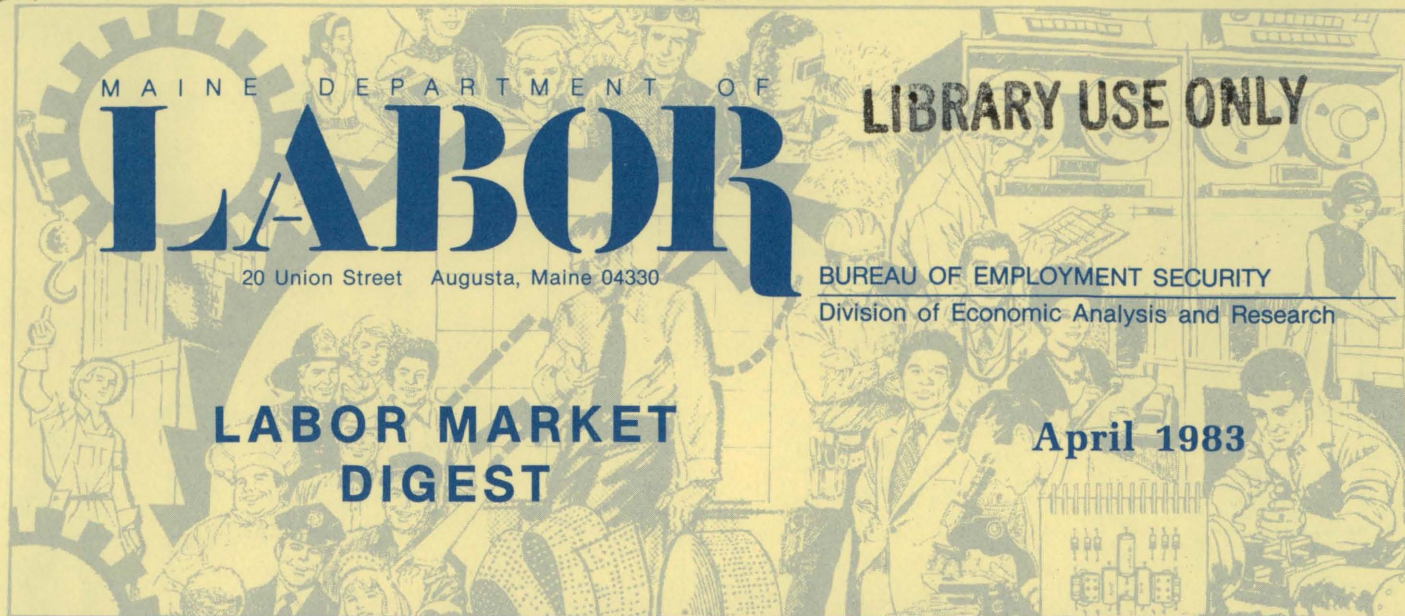
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## ***Message from Commissioner Malloy ...***

THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR IS PLANNING A ONE-DAY SERVICES FAIR FOR PRIVATE EMPLOYERS ON JUNE 22 AT THE AUGUSTA CIVIC CENTER.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SERVICES FAIR IS TO INCREASE THE AWARENESS OF INDIVIDUALS IN PRIVATE BUSINESS OF THE MANY DIFFERENT SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THEM FROM GOVERNMENT.

GOVERNOR JOSEPH E. BRENNAN WILL DELIVER OPENING REMARKS TO BE FOLLOWED BY A REVIEW OF THE INFORMATIONAL EXHIBITS ON MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SERVICES, AS WELL AS SERVICES PROVIDED BY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INCLUDING THE STATE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, THE NEW ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE, THE MAINE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, AND MANY OTHERS.

EMPLOYERS OR EMPLOYER REPRESENTATIVES OF LARGE AND SMALL BUSINESSES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. THE OPENING SESSION IS AT 9:00 A.M., JUNE 22 IN THE NORTH WING OF THE AUGUSTA CIVIC CENTER.

THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR ALONE PROVIDES SAFETY CONSULTATIONS, EMPLOYEE REFERRALS, TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATIONS, HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING INFORMATION, AND NUMEROUS OTHER SERVICES WHICH WE FEEL ARE UNDERUTILIZED BY BUSINESSES BECAUSE MANY EMPLOYERS ARE NOT AWARE OF THE FULL RANGE OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE. WE BELIEVE THE SERVICES FAIR WILL PROVIDE PRIVATE EMPLOYERS WITH A GREAT DEAL OF USEFUL INFORMATION AND ALSO DEMONSTRATE THAT WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT PUBLIC-PRIVATE SECTOR COOPERATION.

INTERESTED EMPLOYERS, AGENCIES AND INDIVIDUALS ARE URGED TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AT 289-3788 OR 289-2695 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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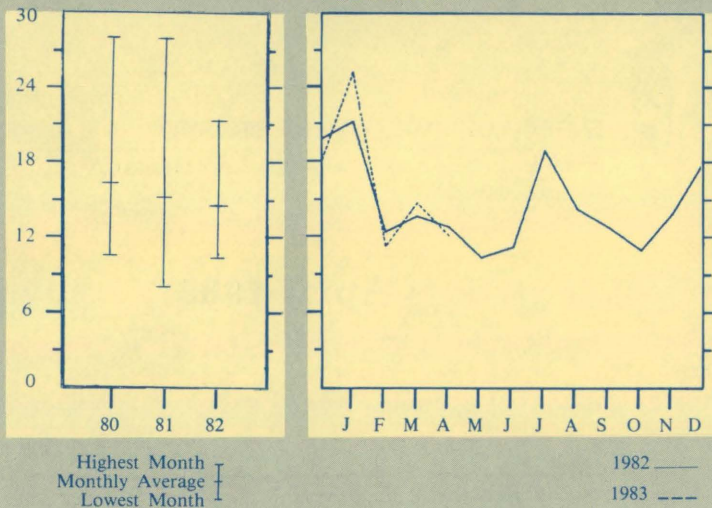


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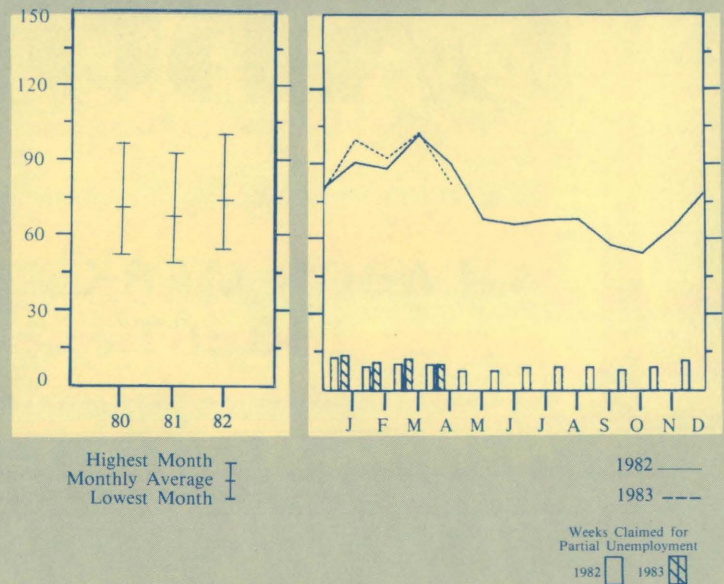
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## UI Initial Claims in Thousands



## UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed in Thousands



### MAINE'S LABOR FORCE: STRONG GROWTH DURING THE 1970s--WILL IT CONTINUE?

MAINE'S CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE GREW FROM AN AVERAGE OF 410,300 IN 1970 TO 507,000 IN 1980. THIS GAIN OF 97,000 REPRESENTED A GROWTH RATE OF 23.6 PERCENT, MORE THAN DOUBLE THE GROWTH RATE OF THE PREVIOUS DECADE. THE SAME FACTORS WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO STRONG GROWTH DURING THE 1970s ARE POINTING TO SLOWER GROWTH DURING THE 1980s.

THREE FACTORS HAD A STRONG INFLUENCE ON THE FAST PACE OF LABOR FORCE GROWTH RECORDED DURING THE 1970s:

- A NET MIGRATION INTO MAINE OF 75,000 PEOPLE OCCURRED IN THE 1970s. MANY OF THESE PEOPLE WERE RELATIVELY WELL-EDUCATED YOUNG ADULTS--INDIVIDUALS LIKELY TO ENTER THE LABOR FORCE. THIS WAS A REVERSAL OF A LONG-TERM TREND OF NET OUT-MIGRATION (SEE GRAPH ON PAGE 6).
- WOMEN ENTERED THE LABOR FORCE IN LARGE NUMBERS--THE PARTICIPATION RATE OF WOMEN IN THE LABOR FORCE GREW FROM 41.2 PERCENT IN 1970 TO 50.3 PERCENT IN 1980.
- THE BABY-BOOM GENERATION, BORN BETWEEN 1945 AND THE EARLY 1960s, ENTERED THE LABOR FORCE IN THE 1970s.

PROJECTIONS TO 1990 INDICATE THAT MAINE'S LABOR FORCE SHOULD CONTINUE TO EXPAND DURING THE 1980s, BUT AT A SLOWER RATE THAN THAT RECORDED DURING THE 1970s. THIS ANTICIPATED SLOWER GROWTH RATE IS DUE IN PART TO AN APPARENT SLACKENING OF THE FACTORS WHICH INFLUENCED THE FAST EXPANSION OF THE 1970s.

- THE NET EFFECT OF PEOPLE MOVING INTO AND OUT OF MAINE DURING THE 1980s WILL PLAY A LARGE PART IN DETERMINING HOW FAST THE LABOR FORCE GROWS. RECENTLY RELEASED DATA INDICATE THAT POPULATION GROWTH DUE TO MIGRATION MAY BE SLOWING. POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR 1981 SHOWED A NET IN-MIGRATION OF ONLY 288 OVER THE YEAR, COMPARED TO AN AVERAGE OF 7,500 YEARLY BETWEEN 1970 AND 1980.
- THE FEMALE PARTICIPATION RATE, WHICH WAS 50.3 PERCENT IN 1980, ROSE TO ONLY 50.4 PERCENT IN 1982--IN CONTRAST TO AN AVERAGE 0.9 PERCENTAGE POINT GAIN EACH YEAR BETWEEN 1970 AND 1980.
- LOWER BIRTH RATES DURING THE LATE 1960s AND 1970s MEAN THAT FEWER YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE ENTERING THE LABOR FORCE DURING THE 1980s.





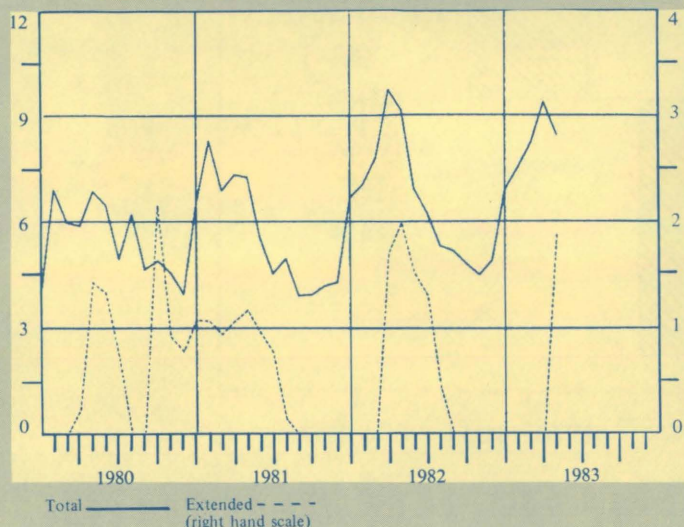
# Selected Employment Security Activities



## UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

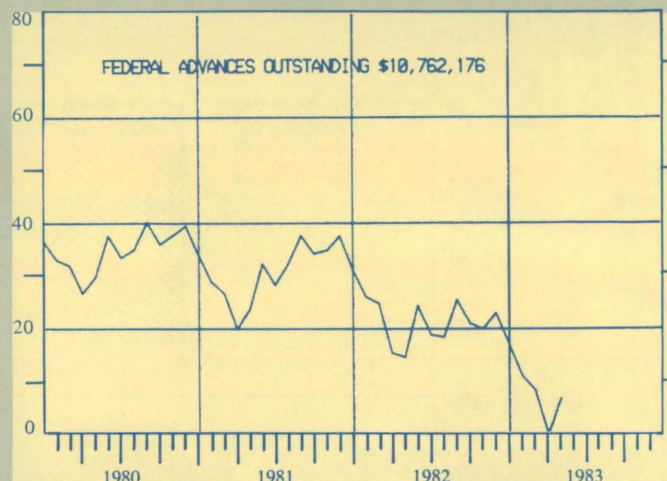
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



## Unemployment Compensation

Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



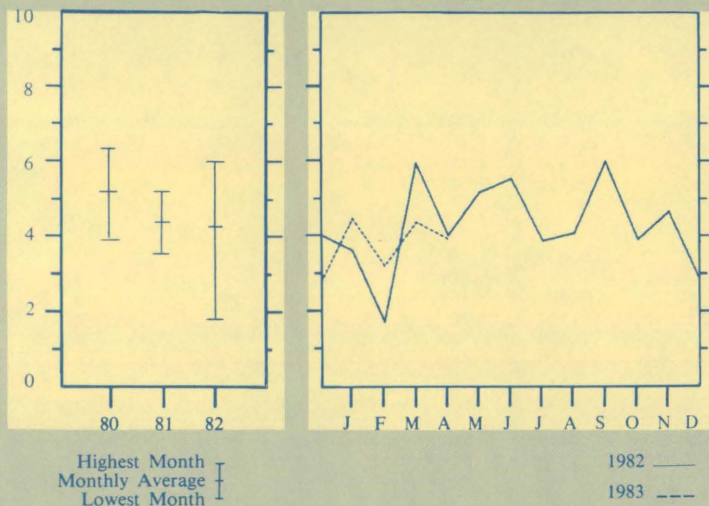
## Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary <sup>1/</sup>	399.9	396.8	403.4	96.4	94.8	93.1	33.2	32.9	33.3
Total Manufacturing	103.3	103.8	106.6	16.5	16.4	17.0	10.8	10.6	11.1
Durable Goods	36.7	37.4	38.4	6.4	6.3	7.1	1.9	1.9	2.0
Lumber and Wood Products <sup>2/</sup>	10.2	11.1	10.8	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	14.2	14.1	16.0	5.6	5.5	6.4	1.5	1.5	1.6
Other Durable Goods <sup>3/</sup>	12.3	12.2	11.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	66.6	66.4	68.2	10.1	10.1	9.9	8.9	8.7	9.1
Food and Kindred Products	7.8	7.9	8.6	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.9	0.9	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.7	6.6	7.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.4	1.3	1.8
Apparel	4.9	4.9	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	n/a	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.4	17.3	17.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	20.1	20.1	20.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.4
Footwear (except Rubber)	16.8	16.7	16.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.8	2.8	2.8
All Other	3.3	3.4	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods <sup>4/</sup>	9.7	9.6	9.8	4.7	4.7	4.6	2.5	2.5	2.4
Total Nonmanufacturing	296.6	293.0	296.8	79.9	78.4	76.1	22.4	22.3	22.2
Contract Construction	14.3	13.3	13.9	4.0	3.5	3.8	1.2	1.1	1.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.1	17.1	18.3	5.9	5.8	6.0	1.3	1.3	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	84.5	82.3	85.3	25.2	24.9	24.3	7.8	7.8	7.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	18.0	17.9	17.5	8.7	8.6	8.1	1.6	1.6	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	78.7	78.3	78.1	21.9	21.5	20.5	7.5	7.4	7.4
Government	84.0	84.1	83.7	14.2	14.1	13.4	3.0	3.1	3.1
Federal	17.9	18.0	18.0	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local <sup>5/</sup>	66.1	66.1	65.7	12.8	12.7	12.0	2.7	2.8	2.8
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

<sup>1/</sup>Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. <sup>2/</sup>Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. <sup>3/</sup>Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. <sup>4/</sup>Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. <sup>5/</sup>Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. \*Less than 50.



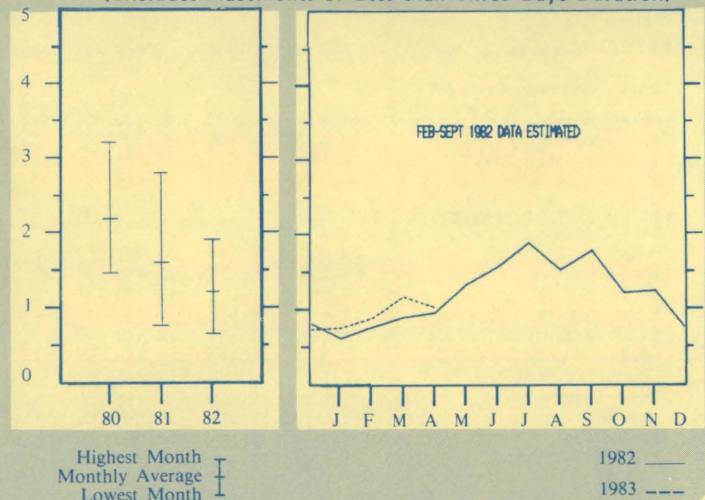
## New Applications For Work in Thousands



## Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



## Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1982	1981	1980
<b>STATEWIDE</b>												
Manufacturing .....	\$296.91	\$298.98	\$283.61	39.8	39.6	40.4	\$7.46	\$7.55	\$7.02	\$7.22	\$6.66	\$6.00
Durable Goods .....	315.61	320.40	295.80	39.5	39.9	40.8	7.99	8.03	7.25	7.59	6.97	6.27
Lumber and Wood Products ..	271.91	283.68	256.36	38.9	39.4	39.5	6.99	7.20	6.49	6.87	6.52	6.08
Metals and Machinery .....	296.72	296.29	279.76	39.3	39.4	40.9	7.55	7.52	6.84	7.15	6.61	5.87
Other Durable Goods .....	378.14	386.75	360.39	40.4	41.1	42.2	9.36	9.41	8.54	8.84	7.98	7.09
Nondurable Goods .....	286.48	286.83	276.29	39.9	39.4	40.1	7.18	7.28	6.89	7.00	6.48	5.85
Food and Kindred Products ...	220.89	225.79	222.72	37.0	36.3	38.6	5.97	6.22	5.77	5.84	5.50	5.01
Textile Mill Products .....	226.69	220.02	206.50	39.7	38.0	38.1	5.71	5.79	5.42	5.49	5.17	4.79
Apparel .....	191.69	191.00	187.46	36.1	35.7	36.4	5.31	5.35	5.15	5.23	4.97	4.49
Paper and Allied Products ...	477.01	482.90	459.73	45.3	45.6	47.2	10.53	10.59	9.74	10.10	9.27	8.31
Leather and Leather Products .	209.99	206.09	200.71	37.7	37.0	37.1	5.57	5.57	5.41	5.46	5.10	4.72
Other Nondurable Goods .....	260.29	257.40	233.23	39.8	39.0	37.8	6.54	6.60	6.17	6.23	5.75	5.23
<b>PORTLAND SMSA</b>												
Manufacturing .....	285.01	283.13	265.69	37.8	37.7	38.9	7.54	7.51	6.83	7.19	6.49	5.85
<b>LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA</b>												
Manufacturing .....	242.78	236.73	215.28	39.8	39.0	36.8	6.10	6.07	5.85	5.96	5.57	5.08

## Female Labor Force in Maine in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force* .....	215.0	213.1	214.4
Unemployed .....	18.7	19.8	18.5
(Percent) .....	8.7	9.3	8.6
Resident Employed ....	196.3	193.3	195.9

\*Preliminary estimates

## U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	295.5	293.4	284.3	292.4

Percent Change for Past Month ..... +0.7  
Percent Change from Last December ..... +1.1  
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago ..... +3.9



# Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment in Thousands

AREA <sup>1/</sup>	LABOR FORCE <sup>2/</sup>			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
<b>MAINE- Statewide</b> . . . . .	521.3	514.0	504.2	469.6	459.0	457.7	51.7	55.0	46.5	9.9	10.7	9.2
<b>MAJOR LABOR MARKETS</b>												
Bangor-Brewer LMA . . . . .	44,600	43,900	42,200	41,100	39,900	39,000	3,500	4,000	3,200	7.8	9.1	7.6
Biddeford-Sanford LMA . . . .	32,000	31,900	31,600	28,700	28,200	28,900	3,300	3,700	2,700	10.3	11.6	8.5
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA . . . .	38,600	38,600	38,200	34,900	34,500	34,400	3,700	4,100	3,800	9.6	10.6	9.9
Portland SMSA . . . . .	98,800	97,900	93,400	92,200	90,400	87,400	6,600	7,500	6,000	6.7	7.7	6.4
<b>OTHER LABOR MARKETS</b>												
Augusta . . . . .	28,940	28,830	28,930	26,460	26,110	26,500	2,480	2,720	2,430	8.6	9.4	8.4
Bath-Brunswick . . . . .	24,800	24,420	22,750	23,240	22,710	21,230	1,560	1,710	1,520	6.3	7.0	6.7
Belfast . . . . .	10,990	10,670	10,540	9,290	8,920	9,090	1,700	1,750	1,450	15.5	16.4	13.8
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset . .	7,530	6,950	7,370	6,810	6,050	6,730	720	900	640	9.6	12.9	8.7
Calais-Eastport . . . . .	14,690	14,350	14,970	12,070	11,870	12,470	2,620	2,480	2,500	17.8	17.3	16.7
Caribou-Presque Isle . . . . .	20,070	19,810	19,490	17,390	16,890	17,310	2,680	2,920	2,180	13.4	14.7	11.2
Central Penobscot . . . . .	3,620	3,490	3,640	3,260	3,140	3,290	360	350	350	9.9	10.0	9.6
Dover-Foxcroft . . . . .	7,050	6,900	6,760	6,380	6,240	6,190	670	660	570	9.5	9.6	8.4
Ellsworth . . . . .	19,960	19,160	19,250	17,610	16,610	17,230	2,350	2,550	2,020	11.8	13.3	10.5
Farmington . . . . .	13,030	12,750	12,780	11,780	11,560	11,550	1,250	1,190	1,230	9.6	9.3	9.6
Fort Kent-Allagash . . . . .	4,750	4,570	4,610	3,870	3,920	3,590	880	650	1,020	18.5	14.2	22.1
Greenville . . . . .	1,370	1,460	1,200	1,210	1,280	1,080	160	180	120	11.7	12.3	10.0
Houlton . . . . .	4,940	4,780	4,710	4,240	4,110	4,130	700	670	580	14.2	14.0	12.3
Lincoln-Howland . . . . .	5,670	5,460	5,480	4,900	4,850	4,810	770	610	670	13.6	11.2	12.2
Livermore Falls . . . . .	5,970	5,830	5,740	5,220	5,020	5,030	750	810	710	12.6	13.9	12.4
Madawaska-Van Buren . . . .	4,520	4,620	4,240	3,820	3,760	3,610	700	860	630	15.5	18.6	14.9
Mechanic Falls . . . . .	2,450	2,460	2,310	2,090	2,050	1,970	360	410	340	14.7	16.7	14.7
Millinocket-East Millinocket .	5,260	5,270	5,270	4,780	4,760	4,820	480	510	450	9.1	9.7	8.5
Patten-Island Falls . . . . .	2,490	2,360	2,500	2,070	2,050	2,090	420	310	410	16.9	13.1	16.4
Rockland . . . . .	16,890	17,300	17,150	14,630	14,950	15,540	2,260	2,350	1,610	13.4	13.6	9.4
Rumford . . . . .	19,630	19,730	20,260	17,190	17,370	18,060	2,440	2,360	2,200	12.4	12.0	10.9
Sebago Lake Region . . . . .	10,430	10,320	10,210	9,310	9,080	9,280	1,120	1,240	930	10.7	12.0	9.1
Skowhegan . . . . .	21,880	21,530	20,180	18,910	18,700	17,430	2,970	2,830	2,750	13.6	13.1	13.6
Kittery-York . . . . .	19,840	18,150	18,600	18,880	17,120	17,970	960	1,030	630	4.8	5.7	3.4
Southwest Penobscot . . . . .	8,310	8,410	7,750	7,250	7,100	6,720	1,060	1,310	1,030	12.8	15.6	13.3
Waterville . . . . .	22,310	22,120	22,200	20,110	19,770	20,280	2,200	2,350	1,920	9.9	10.6	8.6
<b>OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES</b>												
Connecticut . . . . .	n/a	1,599.6	1,501.2	n/a	1,473.7	1,491.7	n/a	125.9	109.5	n/a	7.9	6.8
Massachusetts . . . . .	2,945.0	2,956.0	2,940.3	2,748.0	2,719.0	2,706.1	197.0	237.0	234.2	6.7	8.0	8.0
New Hampshire . . . . .	n/a	492.2	481.6	n/a	456.4	442.9	n/a	35.9	38.7	n/a	7.3	8.0
Rhode Island . . . . .	n/a	474.3	479.1	n/a	421.8	428.9	n/a	52.5	50.3	n/a	11.1	10.5
Vermont . . . . .	n/a	259.9	262.3	n/a	239.8	242.0	n/a	20.2	20.3	n/a	7.8	7.7
<b>NEW ENGLAND STATES.</b> . . .	n/a	5,782.2	5,764.6	n/a	5,310.7	5,311.6	n/a	471.5	453.0	n/a	8.2	7.9
<b>UNITED STATES <sup>3/</sup></b> . . . . .	109,875	109,873	108,814	98,840	97,994	98,858	11,035	11,879	9,957	10.0	10.8	9.2

## Area Definitions

LMA - Labor Market Area  
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

## Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

## Note

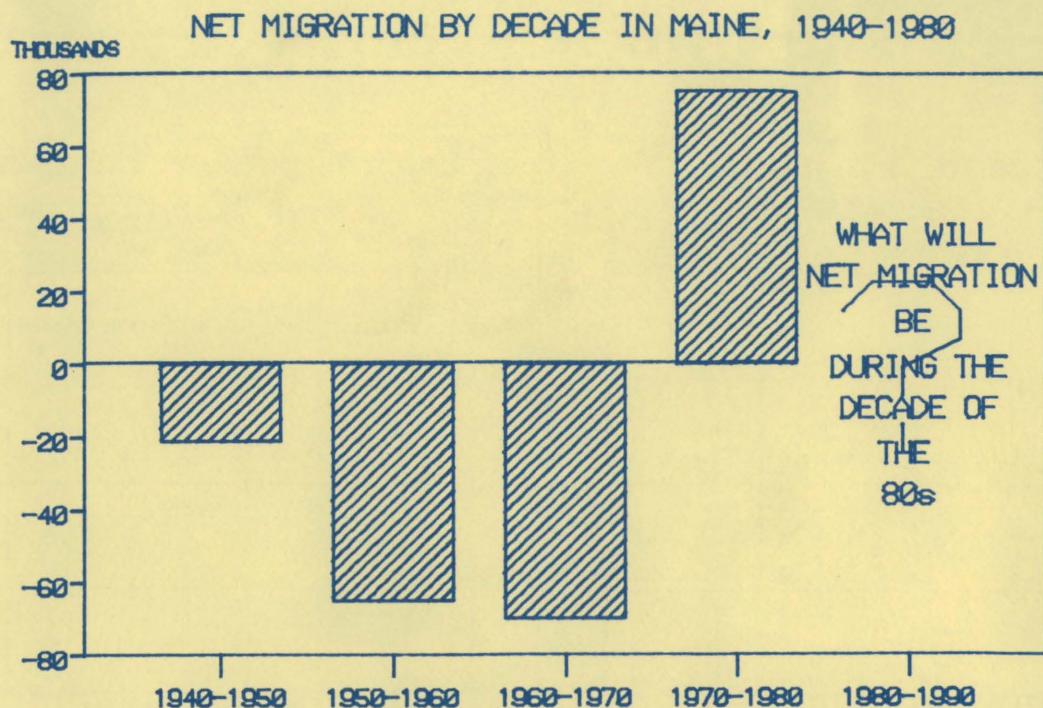
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Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

# Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partial)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants . . . . .	15,646	19,216	18,774	1,832	2,665	2,263	1,026	1,338	1,650
Insured Unemployment Rate *. . . . .	4.1	5.0	4.8	2.2	3.3	2.8	3.2	4.2	5.1

\* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.





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